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FOR BROWN FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. I WAS INTERESTED IN THAT PART OF YOUR MEETING WITH
PROF. SZCZEPANSKI DEALING WITH BREZHNEV'S HEALTH. IT MAY
NOT SURPRISE YOU TO KNOW THAT SOV DOES NOT VOLUNTEER MUCH
ABOUT THIS SUBJECT DESPITE ITS IMPORTANCE FOR OUR EE CLIENTS.
WHEN I SAW TITO'S FOREIGN POLICY COUNSELOR (MAKSIC), HE
TOLD ME BREZHNEV HAS HEALTH PROBLEMS BUT THE CONCLUSIONS
WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM THESE PROBLEMS ARE FALSE. BREZHNEV
IS IN FULL COMMAND IN MOSCOW AND NO DECISIONS ARE TAKEN
WITHOUT HIS GIVING HIS VIEWS. HE COMMENTED IN PASSING
THAT THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW HAD SEEN BREZHNEV
FOR ABOUT FOUR HOURS SOME TWO WEEKS AGO, E.G. ABOUT FEB. 23.
YOUR MEETING WITH SZCZEPANSKI WAS FEB. 15. I GUESS WE
SHALL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE.

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2. AT LUNCH MARCH 21 WITH PAWLISZEWSKI, I MENTIONED YOUR
TALK WITH SZEWCZYK ABOUT THE IVP AND SAID I WAS NOT SURE I
UNDERSTOOD WHAT SZEWEZYK REALLY OBJECTED TO. WHEN PAWLIS-
ZEWSKI MENTIONED INVITING MINISTERS LIKE KULPINSKI, I SAID
I AGREED WITH HIM FULLY AND THAT WE HAD STOPPED THINKING
OF HAVING MINISTERS COME ON THE IVP. PAWLISZEWSKI SAID

THIS BAN SHOULD APPLY TO DEPUTY MINISTERS ALSO, WHO COULD FINANCE THEIR OWN TRIPS PROVIDED THERE WAS A LEGITIMATE PURPOSE FOR IT. I SAID I THOUGHT THIS ATTITUDE IN REGARD TO GOP OFFICIALS WAS PERFECTLY CLEAR TO ME AND QUITE REASONABLE AND ACCEPTABLE. BUT I REPEATED THAT FOR LACK OF SPECIFICS I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT SZEWEZYK REALLY OBJECTED TO. PAWLISZEWSKI HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING, SO ASSUMED THAT SZEWEZYK MIGHT HAVE REQUESTED THAT OUR IV INVITATIONS TO UNIVERSITY PEOPLE, ETC. (BUT NOT JOURNALISTS) ALSO GO TO PROTOCOL FIRST. I SAID WE WOULD NOT AGREE TO THIS, IF SUCH WAS THE INTENTION, BECAUSE IT WOULD STIFLE THE PROGRAM. MY COMMENT IS THEREFORE: (A) THAT COPIES OF INVITATIONS TO GOP OFFICIALS BE SENT TO PROTOCOL; (B) THAT INVITATIONS TO NON-GOP PERSONALITIES BE ISSUED TO THEM DIRECTLY W/O COPIES TO PROTOCOL; (C) THAT INVITATIONS TO PERSONS, LIKE PROFESSORS, WHO COME UNDER THE MINSITRY OF EDUCATION BUT WHOM WE DON'T CONSIDER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BE HANDLED AS HERETOFORE; (D) THAT WE ASK SZEWCZYK TO BE SPECIFIC IF HE WISHES US TO UNDERSTAND MFA/GOP REQUEST. THESE ARE PERSONAL VIEWS AND YOU WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL INSTRUCTIONS ARE SENT OUT. VANCE

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